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SAPD Officer Involved Shooting

A preliminary investigation pertaining to an officer involved shooting reveals the following:

For the last four days, the suspect has forced his common law wife to remain concealed in different hotel rooms threatening to kill her. During the four day unlawful restraint, the suspect repeatedly assaulted the victim and at one point placed his handgun in the victim's mouth cutting the roof and sides of her mouth. This evening, the victim managed to escape from the hotel room in the 2400 block of SW Loop 410. The victim contacted West Patrol CRT officers and advised them of the four day ordeal. The victim advised officers that the suspect had repeatedly made threats of killing her as well as police if ever approached or questioned about the abusive relationship. Officers identified the suspect and found him to have two active felony warrants for his arrest (family violence – choking and violation of a protective order). Crisis Response Team Officers notified SWAT officers of the suspect's whereabouts. SWAT officers responded and executed the arrest warrants at the hotel room. As officers attempted to make entry into the suspect's hotel room, the suspect confronted the officers with a handgun. One of the SWAT officers shot the suspect multiple times. The suspect was transported by EMS to a local hospital for treatment.

The shooting team is currently investigating the incident. As per department protocol Officer David Larios, a 9 year veteran of the department, will be placed on administrative duty.

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